

Appl. No. 10/713,487
Amdt. Dated June 8, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 28, 2005

Attorney Docket No. 81784.0292
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 2 and 4 are being amended to improve their form. No new matter is involved.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 2 and 4 are objected to because of informalities therein. In response, Applicant is amending claim 2 so as to recite "the first channel regions" so that it has antecedent basis, as suggested in the Office Action. Applicant is amending claim 4 so as to recite "a fourth step of performing, after the third step" as suggested in the Office Action.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3 are indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2 and 4 depend from claims 1 and 3 respectively, and should therefore be allowable now that the informalities therein have been corrected.

In conclusion, claims 1-4 should now be allowable for the reasons noted above. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6846 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

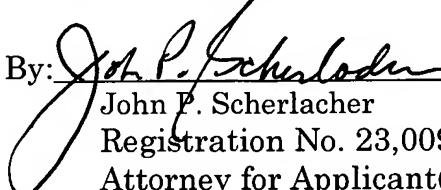
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Respectfully submitted,
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